

§ 105-336. Methods of appraising certain properties of public service companies.

(a) Appraising System Property of Public Service Companies Other Than Those Noted in Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of This Section. – The Department of Revenue shall give consideration to the factors listed in this subsection in determining the true value of each public service company as a system, other than one covered by subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this subsection. The factors are:

- (1) The market value of the company's capital stock and debt, taking into account the influence of any nonsystem property.
- (2) The book value of the company's system property as reflected in the books of account kept under the regulations of the appropriate federal or State regulatory agency and what it would cost to replace or reproduce the system property, less a reasonable allowance for depreciation.
- (3) The gross receipts and operating income of the company.
- (4) Any other factor or information that in the judgment of the Department has a bearing on the true value of the company's system property.

(b) Appraising Rolling Stock and Flight Equipment. – In determining the true value of the rolling stock of bus line and motor freight carrier companies and the flight equipment of airline companies, the Department of Revenue shall consider the book value of the property as reflected in the books of account kept under the regulations of the appropriate federal or State regulatory agency and what it would cost to replace or reproduce the property in its existing condition.

(c) Appraising Tangible Personal Property of Mobile Telecommunications Companies. – In determining the true value of the tangible personal property of a mobile telecommunications company (excluding towers), the Department of Revenue shall consider the original cost of the property as reflected in the books of account maintained by the company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Department of Revenue may also consider what it would cost to replace or reproduce the property. In either case, an appropriate deduction shall be made for all forms of depreciation, including physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, and external or economic obsolescence.

(d) Appraising Tangible Personal Property of Tower Aggregator Companies and Certain Property of Mobile Telecommunications Companies. – In determining the true value of the tangible personal property of a tower aggregator company (excluding towers), the Department of Revenue shall consider the original cost of the property as reflected in the books of account maintained by the company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and may also consider what it would cost to replace or reproduce the property. In determining the true value of a tower of a tower aggregator company or a mobile telecommunications company, the Department of Revenue shall consider what it would cost to replace or reproduce the tower, based on tower height and type, as determined by a nationally recognized cost service commonly utilized by appraisers. For all property, an appropriate deduction shall be made for all forms of depreciation, including physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, and external or economic obsolescence. (1939, c. 310, s. 1608; 1971, c. 806, s. 1; 1973, c. 476, s. 193; 2014-3, s. 11.1(c).)